

RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE

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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants: Withers, et al.

Case: 5646/CMP/CMP/RKK

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Title: **MULTIPOINT POLISHING FLUID DELIVERY SYSTEM**

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 29, 2002 (Paper No. 6), having an extendable shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 29, 2003, the Applicants have filed an RCE accompanying this response. This response was filed on January 20, 2003 inadvertently without an RCE for the subject application.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

A) Please cancel claims 28-29 without prejudice.